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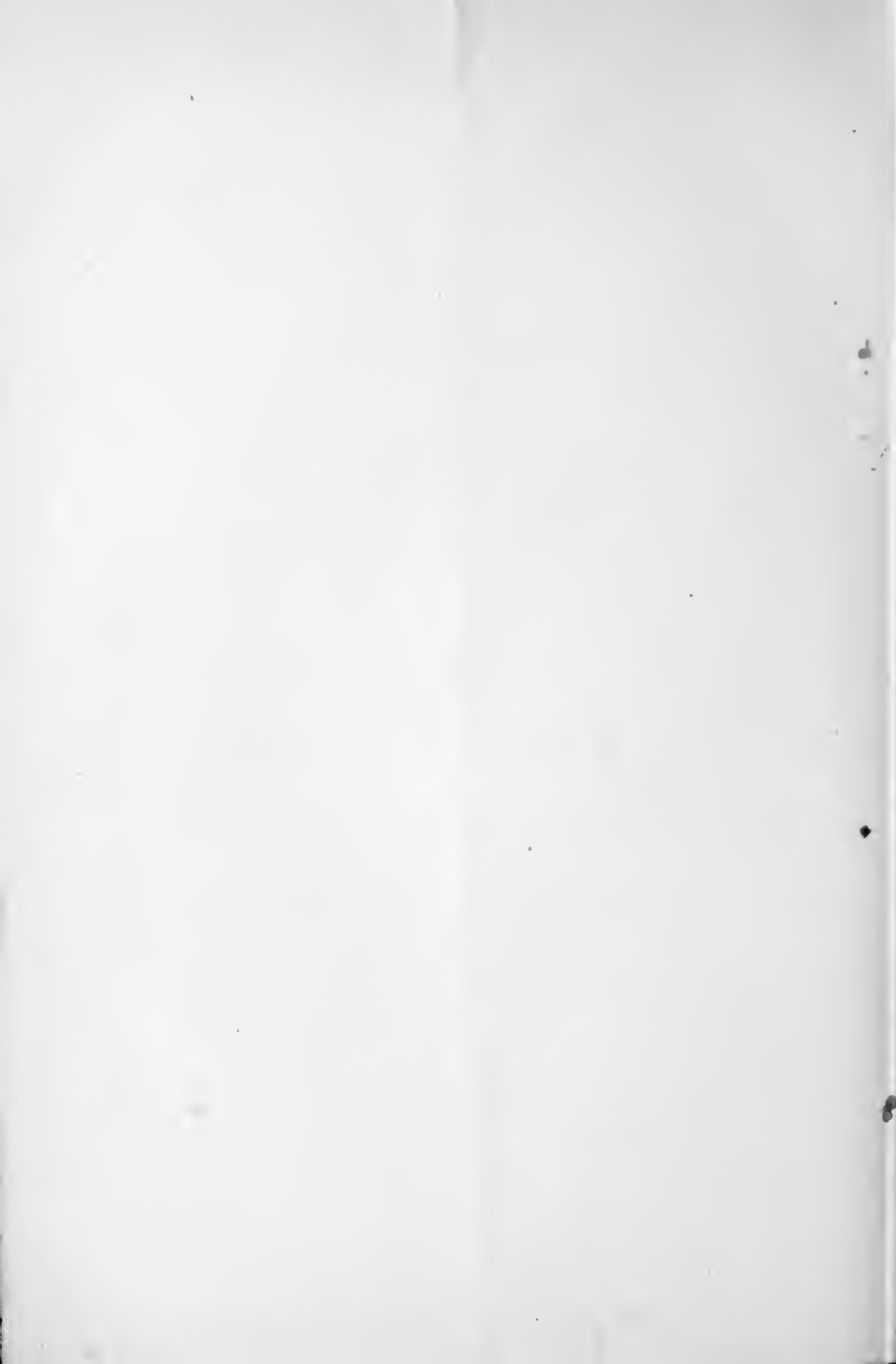
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HARMONY GROVE CHURCH,  
CLEBURNE COUNTY, ALA., Sept. 19, 1885.

The Harmony Baptist Association met at this Church on this day at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Garner. Text: 1st and 2nd verses, 1st chapter Acts.

Adjourned for one and a half hours.

After recess the body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder V. A. Brewster, with singing and prayer by Elder W. H. Burton.

Preaching at the Stand by Elders W. H. Burton and B. A. Cheatwood.

The letters from the Churches were received and read by A. A. Hurst, V. M. Thackerson and T. H. P. Thackerson.

The following named delegates were enrolled :

### FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethesda—B. J. Walker, J. W. Walker, P. G. Coleman.\*

Concord—J. R. Newell, A. M. Turner,\* Martin Dodd.\*

Edwardsville—W. R. Barker, T. J. Burton, A. A. Hurst,\* J. P. Hurt.

Harmony Grove—L. A. Austin, R. Harper, W. J. Bridges.

Mt. Olive—A. Williamson, W. A. Walker, John Crider.

Mt. Bethel—W. L. Madden, W. S. Nix, J. W. Jones.\*

Pine Grove—T. J. Garner, H. Z. Guthrie, F. M. Thompson, S. B. Campbell.\*

Providence—A. Willingham, R. R. Ray, J. M. Willingham.

Shoal Creek—W. H. Davidson, J. E. McDowell, T. B. Holly.\*

#### SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethany—C. Taliaferro, J. A. J. Alewine, John Brown.

Bethlehem—Alfred Ayres, J. R. Baker, J. M. Simpson,\* W. Johnson, W. C. Wesson.\*

Bethel—G. W. Sanford,\* B. S. Tilman, D. H. Posey.\*

Buchanan—A. G. Upshaw, T. J. Lovelace, James Wood.

Poplar Springs—F. Lindsay, A. Trentham, J. W. Holland,\* M. V. Mize, W. J. Fincher.\*

Pleasant Hill—F. M. B. Striplin, J. D. Speight, R. Roberson.\*

Pleasant Grove—M. Edwards, S. Edwards,\* J. S. Fincher. John Wilson.

Tallapoosa, West—J. C. Jackson, W. Wright, J. M. Robinson.\*

Tallapoosa, East—John Dean, H. N. Stewart,\* C. Walker.\*

#### THIRD DISTRICT.

Camp Creek—J. J. Burrow, J. P. Houston, G. R. Thackerson, H. A. Morris, U. L. Lawler, F. L. Lambert.\*

Cherry Grove—V. M. Thackerson, T. J. Treadaway, J. Gosswick.

Friendship—E. C. Carter, J. H. Smyth, J. T. Andrews.\*

Harmony—S. R. McClung, B. A. Barnett,\* T. H. P. Thackerson.

Mountain Creek—C. B. Hammett, — Watson, Jack Martin.\*

New Hope—J. W. Rowe, John Coley, N. L. Culver.\*

Salem—J. C. Holden,\* J. V. Hurden,\* J. W. Davis.\*

Shiloh—V. A. Brewster, Thomas Garner, W. T. Brewster, John Hutchings.\*

On call of roll absentees marked thus.\*

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Elected by ballot Elder F. Lindsay, Moderator; T. J. Burton, Clerk.

On motion adopted regular order of business for present session.

Called for petitionary letters.

Received Ai, church newly constituted by letter and delegates, viz: James C. Garner, John C. Garner, E. E. Myers.

#### APPOINTED COMMITTEES.

On Preaching—T. J. Lovelace, Alfred Ayres, A. A. Hurst, with delegates from Harmony Grove Church.

On Deceased Ministers—B. J. Walker, J. A. J. Alewine, B. A. Barnett, A. Trentham.

On Correspondence—A. A. Hurst, J. S. Fincher, J. M. Willingham, John Crider, James C. Garner.

On Nominations—E. C. Carter, M. V. Mize, W. R. Barker, W. L. Madden, W. H. Davidson.

On Finance—W. R. Barker, T. J. Lovelace, T. J. Treadaway, J. R. Baker, V. M. Thackerson.

On Missions—C. Taliaferro, V. A. Brewster, J. J. Burrow, J. C. Jackson.

On Sabbath Schools—A. A. Hurst, J. R. Newell, John Brown, R. A. Biggers, J. V. Hardin.

On Temperance—J. P. Houston, F. M. B. Striplin, C. B. Hammett, A. G. Upshaw, J. W. Rowe.

On Requests and Queries—T. J. Garner, M. Edwards, A. Willingham, John Dean, S. R. McClung.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Called for correspondence.

Received from the following Associations, viz:

Boiling Springs—A. W. Johnson.

Tallapoosa—Elder William Colston.

Tallasahatchee and Ten Island.

#### APPOINTED CORRESPONDENTS.

To Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association—Elder J. J. Burrow, V. M. Thackerson, T. J. Treadaway, Elder R. M. Cheatwood, P. M. Agan.

Cave Spring Association—Elder V. A. Brewster, Elder M. Edwards, S. R. McClung.

Arbacochee Association—Elder A. Willingham, Elder T. J. Garner, Elder J. R. Newell, Elder B. J. Walker, Elder F. Lindsay, James C. Garner, H. Z. Guthrie, W. R. Barker, F. M. Thompson, T. J. Burton.

Carrollton Association—Elder A. G. Upshaw, F. M. B. Striplin, T. J. Lovelace.

Tallapoosa Association—Elder M. Edwards, Elder F. Lindsay, W. T. Brewster, J. P. Hurt.

Boiling Spring Association—Elder M. Edwards, A. A. Hurst, V. A. Brewster.

Concord Association—Elder M. Edwards, L. A. Austin.

Elder William Colston presented himself correspondent from the Georgia State Baptist Convention and was received as such.

On motion appointed correspondents to the Georgia State Baptist Convention, viz: Elder J. C. Jackson,



Elder J. P. Houston, Elder A. Willingham, Elder V. A. Brewster, F. M. B. Striplin, W. T. Brewster, T. J. Lovelace, John Dean, T. H. P. Thackerson, V. M. Thackerson.

Preaching Committee made report for night, and Sabbath exercises.

After singing, and payer by C. Talliaferro, adjourned to Monday, 8 o'clock A. M.

#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. by Eld. C. Taliaferro. Text, 1st and 2d verses, I Psalm.

Preaching at church house and several places in the community at night.

#### MONDAY 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met. Prayer by V. A. Brewster. Renewed call for correspondents received from the Arbacoochee Association, John P. Barker.

Called for reports of committees, which were read and adopted. (See Reports of Committees.)

On reading report on deceased ministers. Suspended regular order of business, and engaged in prayer by Eld. T. J. Garner returning thanks to God for His mercies.

Fixed time and place of next session of this Association, at Shiloh Church, Polk county, Ga., on Saturday before third Sabbath in September, 1885.

Fixed times and places of District meetings as follows:

First District, at Pine Grove Church, Friday before 1st Sabbath in August, 1886.

Second District, at Pleasant Grove Church, Friday before 5th Sabbath in August, 1886.

Third District, at Salem Church, Friday before 5th Sabbath in August, 1886.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Adopted following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this Association correspond with the Alabama State Baptist Convention, and that we do now appoint correspondents to the same.

The following named brethren were appointed as correspondents, viz :

Eld. J. P. Houston, T. J. Burton, Eld. C. B. Hammett, Eld. V. A. Brewster, Eld. J. R. Newell, F. M. B. Striplin, V. M. Thackerson, W. R. Barker, Eld. J. C. Jackson, T. J. Lovelace, A. A. Hurst.

Appointed Executive Committee, viz : T. J. Burton, J. M. K. Guinn, J. Isbell, J. M. Robinson and C. A. Jones, with power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the same.

Elected T. J. Burton, Treasurer.

On motion, took up collection for Home and Foreign Missions :

Received for Foreign Missions.....	\$2.00
“ “ Home Missions.....	1.05

On motion, directed that the funds for Home Missions be applied by the Executive Committee in supplying the destitute places in our bounds with preaching, and the fund for Foreign Missions be divided equally with the Foreign Mission Boards of Georgia and Alabama.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during the present session of this body.

Directed the Clerk to have 800 copies of the proceedings of this session printed, and distributed among

the churches pro rata as per minute fund, and Clerk retain remainder of minute fund for his services.

After singing, "How firm a foundation," &c., and taking the parting hand, and prayer by Eld. A. G. Upshaw, the Association adjourned.

F. LINDSEY,  
Moderator.

T. J. BURTON,  
Clerk.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This committee met in November last, employed Eld. T. A. Higdon to supply the two places designated by this body at last session. He has reported four days service. We met again in June with Bro. Higdon, and we expected him to have held series of meetings at these places, but from some cause he has been unable to do more.

We learn of several places in our bounds that are destitute, which have been reported to us as such.

We recommend that these places be supplied as far as practicable.

Received of Clerk cash.....	\$17.00
Paid Bro. Higdon.....	6.00
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Balance of fund.....	\$11.00

T. J. BURTON,  
Chairman.

### DECEASED MINISTERS.

Through the mercies of an All-wise God the lives of the ministers of this Association have been spared through the past year, for which we should feel thankful to Almighty God for his protecting care.

B. J. WALKER,  
Chairman.

### TEMPERANCE.

We are pleased to notice that the cause of temperance is still improving in our land. Brethren, let us, as Baptists, extend a hearty and earnest aid to this movement.

J. P. HOUSTON,  
Chairman.

### NOMINATIONS.

To preach Introductory Sermon, Eld. E. A. Camp ; alternate, Eld. A. Willingham.

E. C. CARTER,  
Chairman.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find from the reading of the letters from the churches, that there is but little interest manifested in Sunday Schools. We earnestly desire the brethren to more diligently engage in the work of Sunday Schools, believing that they will be fully rewarded for their labors.

J. R. NEWELL,  
Chairman.

## MISSIONS.

Whereas, there is great need of missionary work in our bounds, we recommend that this body adopt some system to carry on the work of missions in our bounds.

We have had the labors of our esteemed and worthy Bro. Brewster, who was appointed by the Georgia and Alabama Baptist State Conventions, which we accept with gratitude, who has been partly sustained by these Conventions. We recommend that the Pastors of churches preach as much as practicable on the subject of missions during this year.

C. TALLIAFERRO,  
Chairman.

## REQUESTS AND QUERIES.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held at Shiloh Church, Polk county, Ga.

We recommend that Letters of Dismission be granted to Bethlehem, Bethel and Tallapoosa-east Churches, as per their request.

T. J. GARNER,  
Chairman.

## FINANCE.

For Minutes.....	\$31 85
For Home Missions.....	24 65
For Foreign Missions.....	2 00
Paid to Treasurer.....	\$58 50

W. R. BARKER,  
Chairman.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our Association met according to appointment. Considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was large—the interest great—a harmonious Session.

Our next Session is to convene at Shiloh Church, Polk county, Ga., Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1886. We invite you to correspond with us.

Our prayer is that the rich blessings of God be with you.

J. S. FINCHER,  
Chairman.

Received for Minutes. ....	\$31 85
Paid for printing 800 copies.....	—
Balance for Clerk and distributing.....	—

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

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Brewster, V. A. ....	Esom Hill, Ga.
Burrow, J. J. ....	Onk Level, Ala.
Brown, T. W. M. ....	Buchanan, Ga.
Cheatwood, R. M. ....	White Plains, Ala.
Cheatwood, B. A. ....	Shoal Creek, Ala.
Camp, E. A. ....	Fish, Ga.
Davis, J. ....	Cedartown, Ga.
Edwards, M. ....	Buchanan, Ga.
Garner, T. T. ....	Ai, Ala.
Houston, J. P. ....	Oak Level, Ala.
Higdon, T. A. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Holden, J. C. ....	Tecumseh, Ala.
Hammett, C. B. ....	Edwardsville, Ala.
Jackson, J. C. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Lindsey, F. ....	Poplar Springs, Ga.
Newell, J. R. ....	Cicero, Ala.
Talliaferro, Charles. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Upshaw, A. G. ....	Buchanan, Ga.
Walker, B. J. ....	Edwardsville, Ala.
Walker, J. D. ....	Bell's Mill, Ala.
Willingham, Asa. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Woody, P. ....	Fish, Ga.

## LICENTIATES.

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Agon, P. M. ....	Fish, Ga.
Crider, John. ....	Edwardsville, Ala.
Cooper, J. N. ....	Little Creek, Ga.
Garner, James C. ....	Ai, Ala.
Kelly, G. W. ....	Oak Level, Ala.
McClung, S. R. ....	Esom Hill, Ga.
Mason, R. S. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Posey, D. H. ....	Bremen, Ga.
Robinson, J. M. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Roberts, W. C. ....	Oak Level, Ala.
Striplin, F. M. B. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Sims, A. E. C. ....	Fish, Ga.
Thackerson, G. R. ....	Oak Level, Ala.
Willingham, J. M. ....	Tallapoosa, Ga.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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### ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon
2. Recess.
3. Call to order; singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches.
5. Read letters and record delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer

### NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Appoint committees—
  - On preaching.
  - On deceased ministers.
  - On correspondence.
  - On nominations.
  - On finance.
  - On missions.
  - On Sabbath Schools.
  - On temperance.
  - On requests and queries.
4. Invite visiting brethren of our order to seats.
4. Call for correspondents, and welcome them.
5. Appoint correspondents.
6. Call for report of Executive Committee.
7. Call for reports of other committees.
8. Fix time and place for District Meetings.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Read and correct roll of delegates.
11. Read and adopt minutes.
12. Fix order of distributing minutes.
13. Adjourn.















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